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RESPONSE TO FURTHER RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Further Restriction/Election of May 30, 2008. Specifically, the Examiner acknowledges that claim 23 is a linking claim and claim 44 will be examined regardless of the group elected. In addition, the Examiner now for the first time asserts that elected claims 24-39, 41, 45 and 46 may be further restricted into 11 different subcombination groups having a unique search different from each of the other subcombination groups.

In accordance with the Examiner's instructions, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the following:

Group I, claim 24.

In the outstanding communication the Examiner acknowledges that upon allowance of the linking claim 23, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions shall be withdrawn and all claims (e.g., claims 24-39, 41 and 44-46) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be rejoined and fully examined for patentability.

Therefore, Applicant requests that claims 23, 24 and 44 be considered by the Examiner.

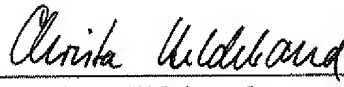
CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,
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